

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Cochin Geography by T. Narayana Menon, B. A., L. T.

(2) Yes. An article pointing out mistakes in the book appeared in "Sudarsanam" dated 4th Edavam 1103 and the Diwan passed orders thereon in his Proceedings, dated 20th May 1928, Dis No. 2644/D/03. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon, M. L. C., and a member of the Board of Studies forwarded dissenting minutes, pointing out the mistakes in the geography books for classes III and IV, and the Diwan has considered this when passing orders on the Proceedings of the Board of Studies in D. P., dated 6th June 1928, C. No. 4003/03.

(3) Copies of the papers and of the article are placed on the Council Table.

(4) the author of the revised geography book is Mr. T. Narayana Menon, B. A., L. T., and its publishers 'The Cochin Publishing House, Ernakulam.'

The author and publisher of the geography book now used in class III are the same. The reviewed book and the book now used are the same with the difference that the latter is a revised edition.

(5) Kerala Malayalam Copy Books, Numbers 3, 4 and 5.

(6) The Board of Studies recommended the series as being more suitable than others approved by the Text-Book Committee and the Director had no reason to suspect that it was otherwise.

(7) The Cochin Publishing House.

(8) No

Irrigation Works.

631. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) which are the irrigation works which they propose to take up during the current year ;

(b) are they aware that the crops of the Kuzhupilli Puthenpadom *niloms*, especially of the No. 1 block, suffered this year for want of proper irrigation facilities ;

(c) is there not a proposal before the Government to construct a canal to connect the *niloms* in question with the backwater ;

(d) how long is the matter pending ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (1) The Amballur bund work.

(2) The diversion of the Karuvannur river.

(b) There was no failure of crops this year.

(c) & (d) There was a proposal some time back. This was considered by Government and it was decided that the

work could not be undertaken then or in the near future owing to the excessive cost of land acquisition.

Employment of relatives.

632. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) the names of the relatives of each of the Heads of Departments, employed in the State Service either in their own Department or in other Departments ;

(b) the dates of the appointment of the Heads of Departments to the post of the Departmental Head and the pay the relative was drawing (i) on that date and (ii) at present;

(c) the qualification of the said relatives ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) From the information so far obtained, Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, and Rao Sahib C. Matthai, the Director of Public Instruction, are the only Heads of Departments who have relatives in their own Departments. The names of the relatives are Dr. Thariyan Verghese, Additional Civil Surgeon, and K. T. Cherian, U2 teacher, High School, Mulanturutti, respectively. In regard to the relatives in other Departments, it is difficult to furnish the information as Heads of Departments are not expected to be cognisant of the appointments made in other Departments.

(b) Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese 11—9—1099.

Rao Sahib C. Matthai 27—9—1098.

Dr. Thariyan Verghese (i) Rs. 200-30-350.

(ii) Rs. 200-30-350.

Mr. K. T. Cherian (i) Rs. 70.

(ii) Rs. 80.

(c) Dr. Thariyan Verghese

M. B. Ch. B.

Mr. K. T. Cherian

B. A. & L. T.

Bathing tank for the people of Kunnamkulam.

633. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a petition dated 15th October 1928 has been received by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer from the people of Kunnamkulam and especially those living in the western parts of the town requesting for a tank for bathing purposes; and if so, what action had been taken in the matter ;

(b) whether a petition had been submitted by the people last year for the same purpose and if so what was the reply given to it ;

(c) whether the Town Improvement Committee had brought to the attention of the Government the necessity of having one more tank for bathing purposes ?